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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hotta, *et al.*

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For: METHOD FOR REMOVAL OF CONTAMINANTS FROM BLOOD PRODUCT SOLUTIONS

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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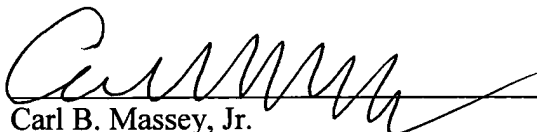
Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 6, 2006, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-7, 26 and 27) without traverse. Although no fees are believed to be due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. **09-0528** for any fees that may be due in connection with this submission.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative using the information provided below with any questions or comments regarding this Reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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